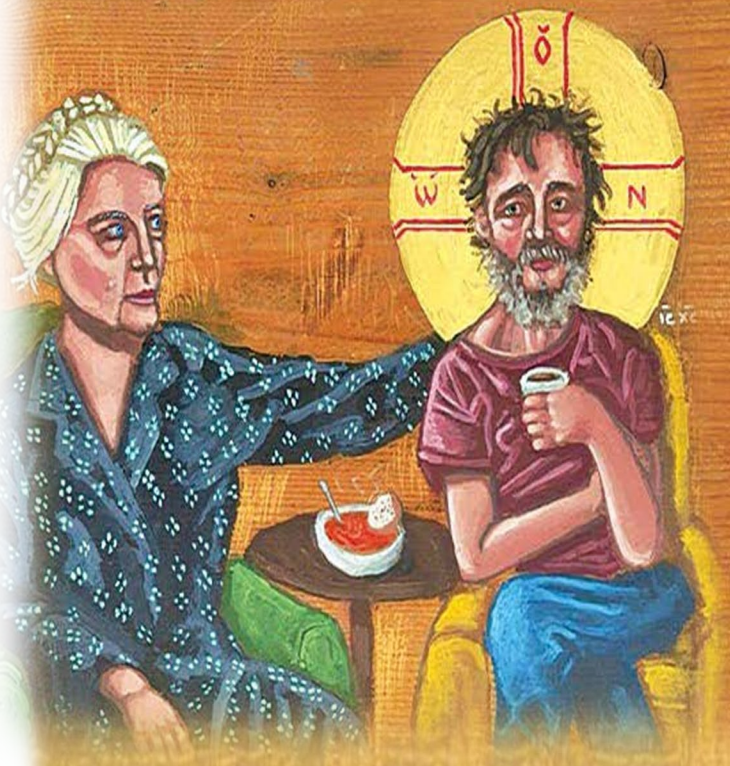


WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU WELCOMES ME

MATTHEW 10:40

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
June 28, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION
GATHERING TO GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, & SERVICE THROUGH CHRIST

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

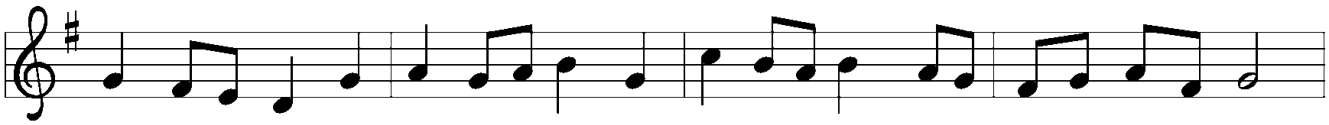
PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

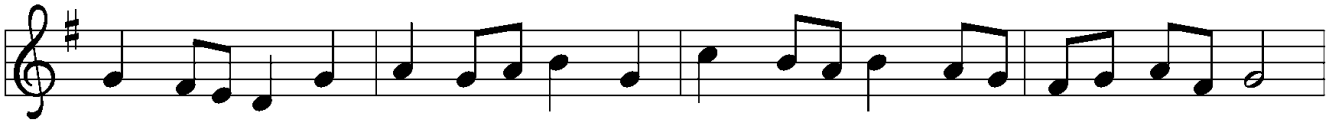
P: We come together today to affirm our oneness in the Lord our God.
C: We affirm our oneness with the members of our family.
P: They who love brother or sister or father or mother more than me, says the Lord, are not worthy of me.
C: We affirm our oneness with all the citizens of our nation.
P: They who love their country more than me, says the Lord, are not worthy of me.
C: We affirm our oneness with all other Christians. They who love their religion more than me, says the Lord, are not worthy of me.
A: Give us the courage, O God; to take up the cross and follow you in the spirit of Jesus.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 522

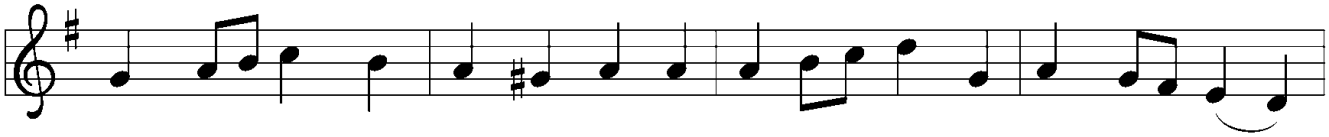
"As We Gather at Your Table"



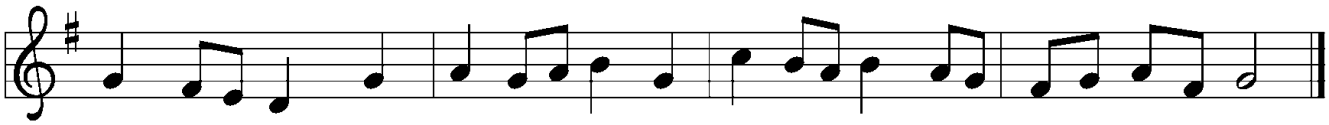
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710
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LITANY OF CONFESSION:

P: God has baptized us into Christ Jesus that we might walk in newness of life. Yet we are daily tempted to tread the old paths.

C: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

P: We were not worthy of the love with which God in Christ redeemed us from sin. Yet we are sorely tempted to reserve our love only for those who deserve it.

C: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

P: Jesus' victory over sin cost him shame, suffering, and a cross. Yet we are tempted to think that his followers can lead a risk-free life.

C: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

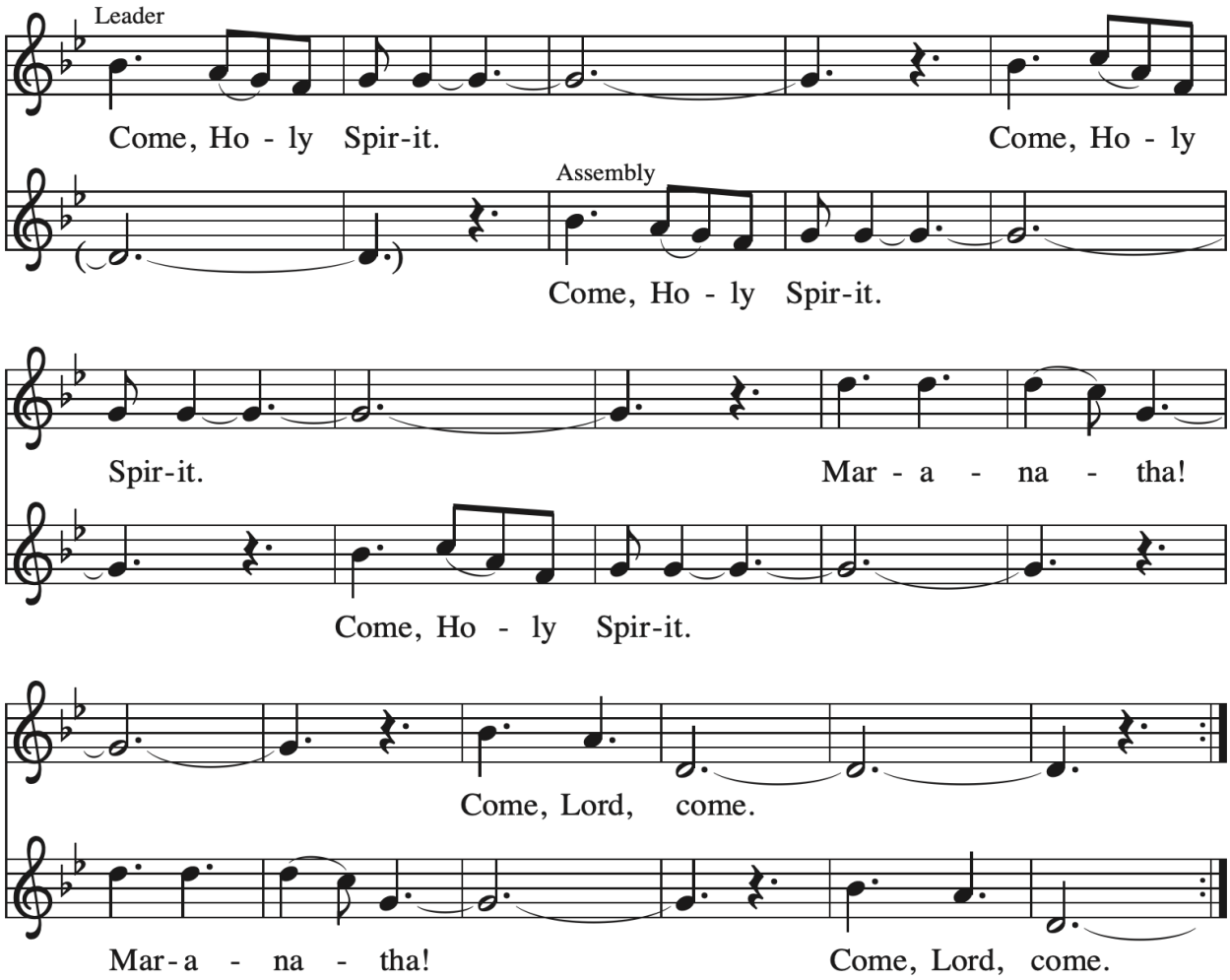
P: The cross was the cost of his obedience to God. Yet we are tempted to let him bear the cross alone and let the rest of the world go free.

C: From this temptation, dear Lord, deliver us.

A: Give us the grace, dear Lord, to embrace the way of the cross even as we praise the Lord of the cross.

KYRIE

Come, Holy Spirit



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A: A reading from Jeremiah.

[5] The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the
priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, [6] and the
prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the
words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the
vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. [7] But listen now to this word
that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. [8] The prophets
who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and
pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. [9] As for the prophet who
prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known
that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

P: [1] Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**C: [2] For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

P: [3] "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

C: [4] **'I will establish your line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all generations.' "
P: [15] Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
C: [16] **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
P: [17] For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.
C: [18] **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING – Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A: A reading from Romans.

[12] Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. [13] No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

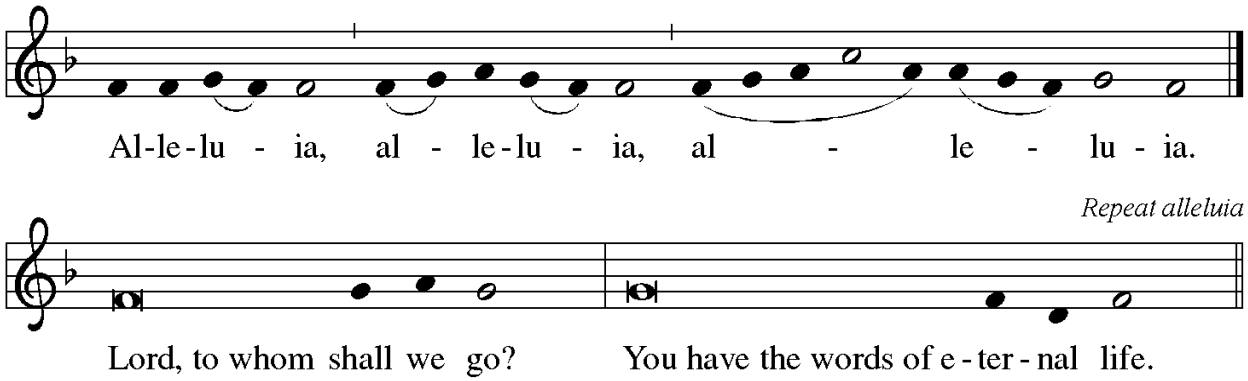
[15] What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16] Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted [18] and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. [19] I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

[20] When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. [21] So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. [22] But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL – Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in
the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a
righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the
righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones
in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

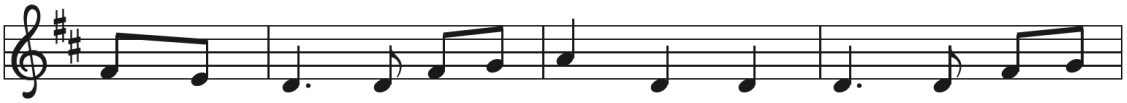
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

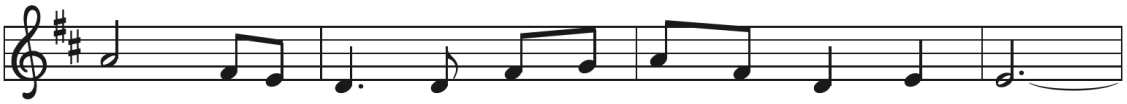
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1038

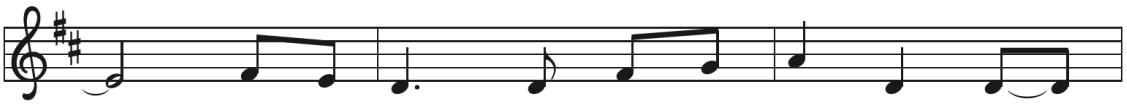
"God, We Gather as Your People"



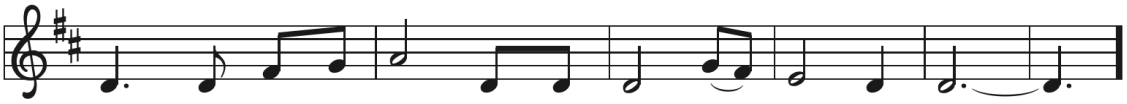
1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

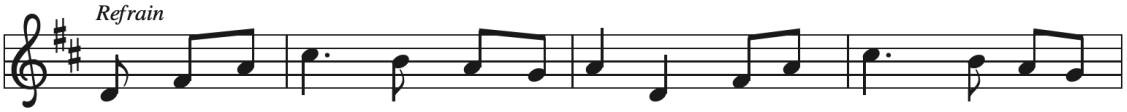


Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they

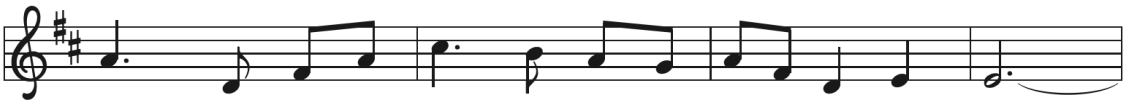


trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

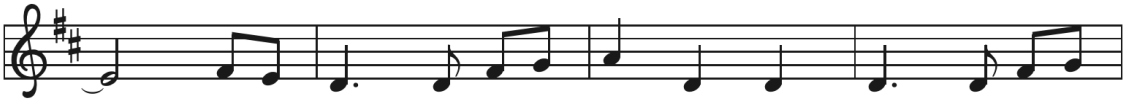
Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961
Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman
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CREED

A: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for John, Bob, Eleanor, Dawn, Cora, John, Ed, Barb, Suzanne, Charlie, Jerry, Carla, Frank, Jan, Perry, the friends and family of Winona, the family and friends of Judy. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places like Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
C: Amen.

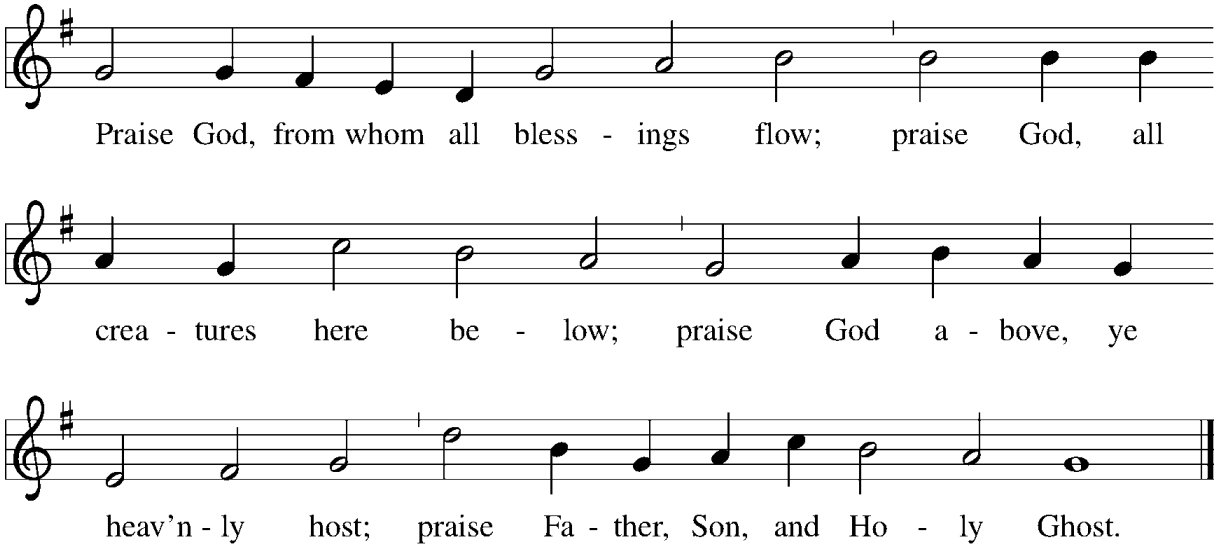
SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



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Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

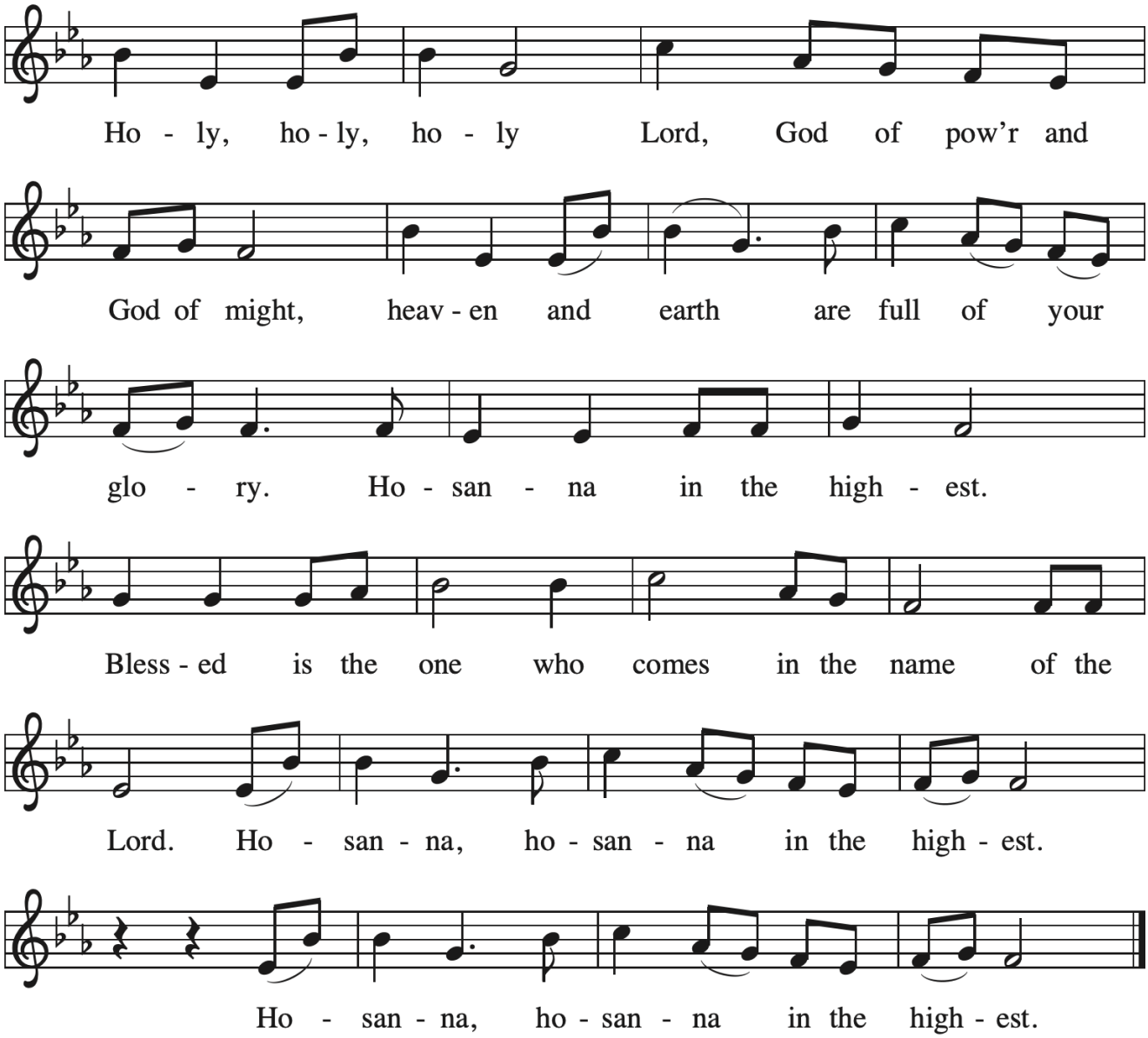
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



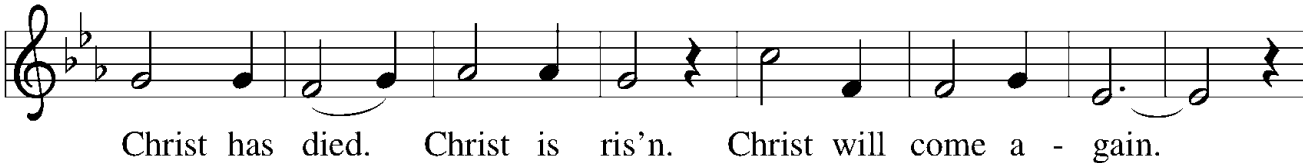
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

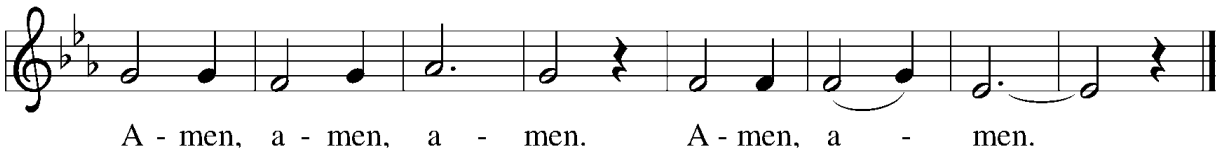
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.



P: Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of
faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

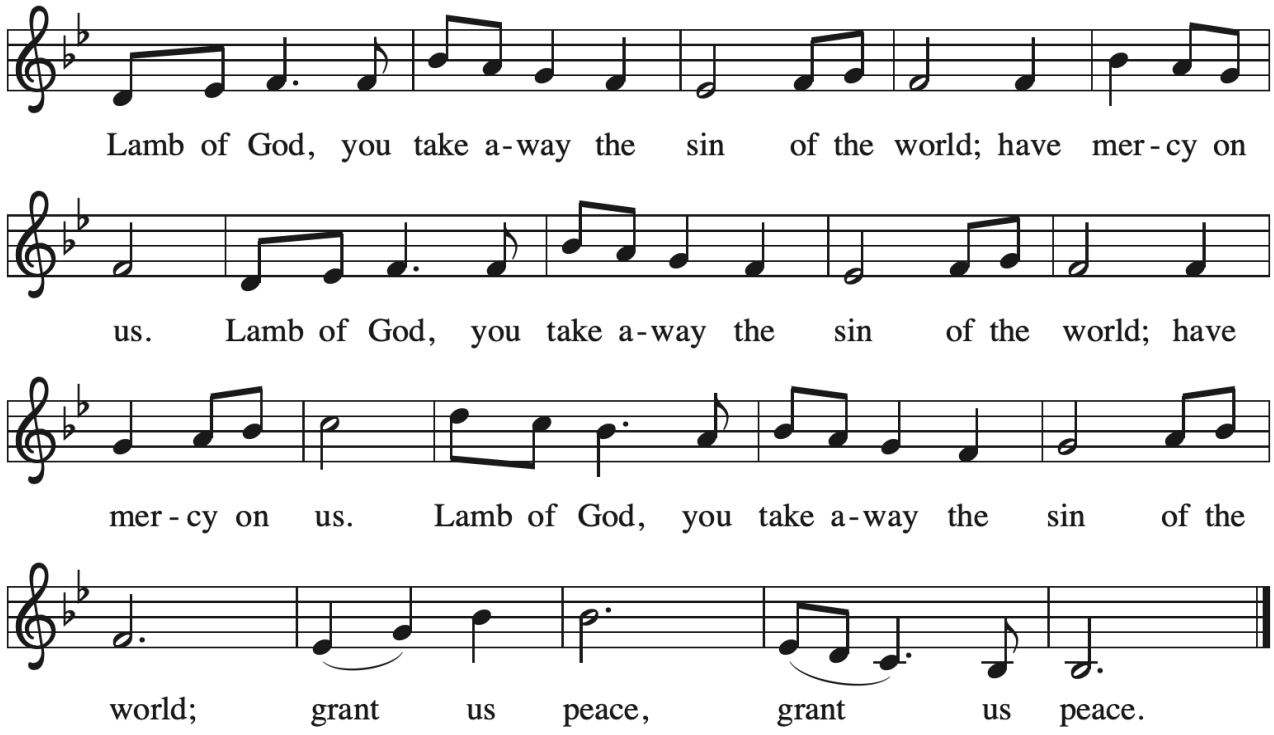
Let us pray together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Soloist, Lew Shock

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

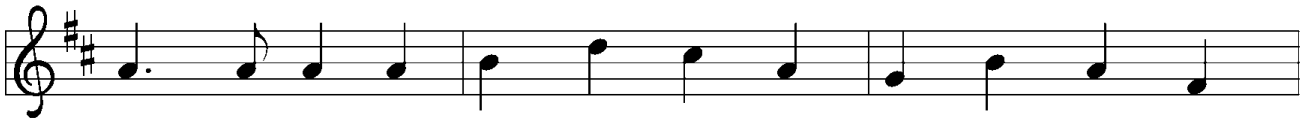
BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal,
and hold you today and always.

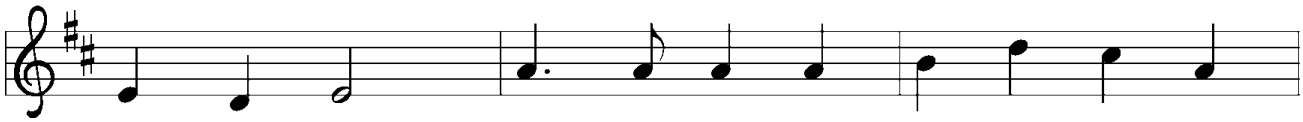
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 845

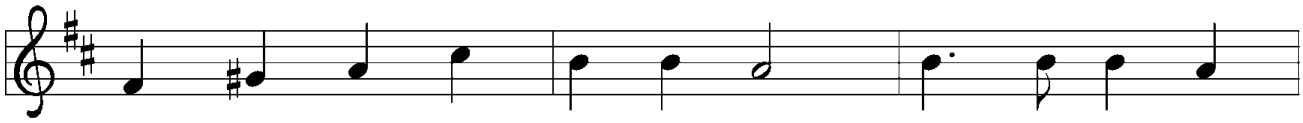
"Voices Raised to You"



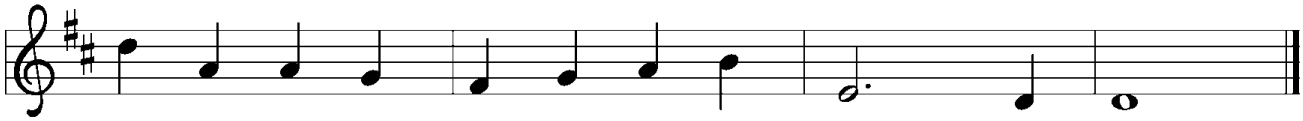
1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (July - September) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

ATTENTION!
Altar flower prices have changed. Altar flowers are now $35. Please note this change if you have signed up for altar flowers. Thank you. The 2026 Altar flower sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the office.

Graduation Time
If you have a graduate you would like to honor, please send Jennifer:
1. A picture of the graduate with their name and your relation to the graduate.
2. What school they are graduating from.
3. What they plan to study in college or what they are receiving a degree in from college (if a college graduate).
4. And if they have a favorite scripture, you can send that.

Please get the information to Jennifer no later than July 12th (for the August Newsletter).

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed
We still need about 2 more people to fully staff the coffee/social hour after service for the 2nd or 4th Sunday, plus 1 to 2 people as substitutes as needed. Simply involves making coffee, setting up snacks and any clean-up bringing a snack is optional. It's been very popular and well attended every week. Many people continue to bring great snacks to share too. This will help to spread some of the effort to no more than once a month for any volunteer. Please contact Linda King or Della Diehr or anyone at the snack table to express your willingness to chip in.

Pastor Joshua Rinas leading 11am Wednesday Healing Service at St. Luke's
Rev. Taylor Vines of St. Luke's Episcopal has departed to serve St. Augustine's parish in greater New Orleans. In his wake, Pastor Joshua Rinas is leading their brief healing service with anointing at 11am on Wednesdays. You are welcome to join this intimate gathering.

You're invited to St. Luke's Episcopal Church Pride Service
June 28, 2026 at 5:00pm - 120 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti - Potluck to follow service.

Social Concerns
Clothes Closet donations are accepted Wednesdays 9a-10:30a. Especially needed are all sizes of men's and children's gently used clothing and gently used shoes. If you bring a donation other than Wednesday mornings, when volunteers are available to take your donation, please leave your donation in the Clothes Closet donation bin behind the green curtain in the gathering area. Thank you!

Quilting is done for the summer and will resume in September, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11a-1p!

If you are still interested in donating mega sized rolls of toilet paper or bar soap to the Food Pantry, please leave your donation in the Clothes Closet bin in the gathering area, behind the green curtain. As always, plastic and paper grocery bags are needed for Food Pantry distribution. Thank you for your donations.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Financial Progress Report –
Attendance Sunday 6/21/26: 61 (Beautiful)
This past week (June 15 – June 21) we received income of: $3,420
Approved 2026 Budget: $301,796 *Needed Weekly:* $5,804

For the month of May we had:	Jan 1st through May 31st, we had:

• *Income:** $18,387
• *MGF May Chg in value*: $9,421*
• *Expenses:* $20,889
• *May Balance:* $6,919
  ○ *Positive May balance due to:*
  ▪ Income exceeds expenses.
  ▪ Ministry Growth Fund May report included
	• *Income:** $137,610
	• *MGF YTD Chg in value*:* $27,172
	• *Expenses:* $135,890
	• *YTD Balance:* $28,892
	  ○ *Positive YTD balance due to:*
	  ▪ Income exceeds expenses.
	  ▪ Ministry Growth Fund May report included.

Last year at May 31st, 2025, our YTD balance was $13,125. Thank you for your support.
*The MGF statements are not available until after the 15th of the following month.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, June 28 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- **COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 30

- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:00pm
- Food Gatherers delivery

Wednesday, July 1

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, July 3

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, July 4 – Happy 4th of July!

Sunday, July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Leslie Neinas.
Given by Linda Luke

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Bob, Eleanor, Dawn, Cora, John, Ed, Barb, Suzanne, Charlie, Jerry, Carla, Frank, Perry, the friends and family of Winona, the family and friends of Judy.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org Food
Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Wendy Thompson*

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EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE STRIVE TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AS AN INCLUSIVE, VISIBLE, DYNAMIC BODY OF FAITH.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE VULNERABLE AND FOSTERING HOPE.

WE WILL GROW IN ENTHUSIASTIC DISCIPLESHIP AS WE WORSHIP, WELCOME, SERVE, AND STUDY.

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